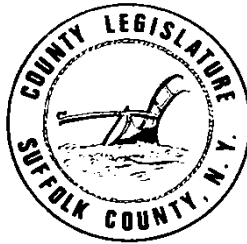


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### **FROM THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATOR ROB CALARCO** **Legislators Calarco & Browning, Assemblyman Hennessey** **Attend National Night Out Against Crime in Bellport**

Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco joined with community organizers, fellow Legislator Kate Browning and New York State Assemblyman Edward Hennessey on Tuesday, August 6th at the National Night Out held locally at Martha Avenue Park in North Bellport. The event, organized by Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance, Inc. (BHEP) drew hundreds of local residents to the park for a night of music, food, entertainment and education. The Victory Church of God Steel Drum Band was on-hand providing live music, and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office offered interactive drunk-driving simulations and educational materials. National Night Out was first in 1984.

The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1984. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states. National Night Out now involves over 37 million people and 15,000 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. Legislator Calarco said, "Events like National Night Out are important not because they are the solution to crime, drugs and violence, but because the collective commitment and energy they represent is absolutely critical to making our community a safe place to live every night."



*Pictured, left to right: Bryan Stoothoof, Aide to Sheriff Vincent DeMarco, Frederick L. Combs, BHEP Executive Director, Legislator Calarco, Legislator Browning, Assemblyman Hennessey, Suffolk County Police Department Deputy Inspector William Silva, Deputy Sheriff Jacob Gross*

*Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco represents the 7th Legislative District which includes Patchogue, East Patchogue, North Patchogue, and Medford. Smaller portions of Blue Point, Bellport, Coram, Farmingville, Holtsville, Ronkonkoma, and Fire Island are also included in the District. He is Chairman of the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing & Consumer Protection committee, Vice Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, as well as a member of the Health Committee and the Ways & Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.*